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In order to keep the History Graduate Students and Graduate Alumni in touch both with each other and with the Department and University, an effort will be made this year to send out the hGPN every two months during term time. Welcome to the first issue (Ever!!).

The Newsletter will communicate departmental, fellowship, and other professional news as best it can. Students, faculty and alumni are asked to let us know about their professional activities. Dates of faculty and student colloquia and of Guest speakers will be passed along when available. Most of all, we hope to relate news of our students and alumni. Any news item should be sent to the Graduate Programme Director in the History Office of either campus, or phoned in at either 848-2408 or 848-2400.

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RECEPTION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY

The First Annual Reception for Graduate Students and Faculty will be held at the home of the Graduate Programme Director, Robert Tittler, Sunday, September 21, 1986, from 3-5 p.m. (4078 Hampton Ave., N.D.G.). R.S.V.P. to 848-2408 or 2400, by Thursday, September 18. Come and meet each other!

NEW FACES

We welcome to the Department Prof. Ross Dunn, a specialist in African History who has joined us for the year from San Diego State University in California in an exchange with our own Stephen Scheinberg.

Some old faces wear new hats this year: Graeme Decarie as Department Chairman; Robert Tittler as Graduate Programme Director (and Newsletter editor); and Dr. Manfred Szabo of Mathematics as Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Martin Singer returns to full-time teaching after a long stint as University Provost.

AWARDS

Congratulations to Gabe Toth, Hugh Brodie, Michael Duckett, Maryann Parkas and Janis Housez who have won teaching assistantships and to Micheline Lessard and Maria Schell for winning F.C.A.R. bourses for the current year.

STUDENT PERSONALIA

Chris Kemp successfully completed her M.A. in June and has gone on to the University of Hull (U.K.) to pursue a doctorate in 19th century British Social History. Mike McConkey also completed his M.A. over the summer. Jean-Paul Coupal and Diane Beal successfully completed their Ph.D. comps in recent months.

FACULTY PERSONALIA

Congratulations to Richard Diubaldo on his promotion to the rank of Professor! John Hill organized the Canadian Conference on the Centenary of the Indian National Congress in Montreal in May and chaired a panel at the Canadian Historical Association conference in Winnipeg in June. Robert Tittler has been appointed General Editor of a series in European Urban Society which is to be published in four volumes by Longman, and he read a paper on 'The End of the Middle Ages in the English Market Town' at the CHA conference. Franziska Shlosser read a paper entitled 'Pagans into Magicians' at the 17th Int'l Byzantine Congress in Washington, D.C., in July.

Frank Chalk returns after a year's sabbatical research on Genocide, spent in England, France and Israel. Ron Kudin won an SSHRC grant for research on the Caisse Populaire in Quebec, and spent a busy summer in the archives. Stephen Scheinberg will be a Visiting Associate Professor at San Diego State University this academic year. Dr. Lionel Rothkrug will be spending the year on sabbatical.

Professors Charles Bertrand (Dean of Arts and Science), Franziska Shlosser (Vice-Dean of Arts and Science); Cameron Nish (Director of Off Campus Education); Richard Diubaldo (Director of the Centre for Native Students) continue their involvement outside of the Department while Katy Bindon remains on leave.

NEW Ph.D. COLLOQUIA

As part of our recent procedural revisions in the Ph.D. programme, all Ph.D. students will now present their approved thesis proposal in the form of a colloquium to History Faculty and Graduate Students. This will apply to all students receiving formal approval for their thesis proposal from 1 June, 1986. Candidates should check details with the Programme Director.

THE M.A. THESIS RETURNS!

Effective this current academic year, the Department again offers a formal M.A. thesis alternative to the standing "non-thesis M.A." which has been in effect for some years. Check the Graduate Studies Bulletin for details.

FELLOWSHIPS

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship application forms are available in the Graduate Awards Office, 2145 MacKay. Completed applications must be submitted to the History Office by 3 November. Deadline for SSHRC Special MA Scholarships is 1 December. Check Departmental bulletin boards for other fellowship information and for deadlines not available as this Newsletter goes to press.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Profs. Rudin and Tittler will offer a workshop on writing fellowship applications: Thursday, 16 October, 4 PM in the SGW History Seminar Room.

RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Concordia Library's History Librarian, Ms. Judy Appleby, has agreed to offer a workshop in Advanced Library Research Techniques for History Graduate Students, in two duplicate sections: Thursday, 2 October, 4 p.m. and Tuesday, 7 October, 8 p.m. Phone 848-2400 or 2408 to sign up. Groups meet in the Norris Library Seminar Room, N-422 (entry via the stacks only).

NEU PRIZES

Beginning this year Montreal's Inter-University Centre for European Studies will award an annual prize of \$500 for the best M.A. thesis in European Studies (post 1700), and a prize of \$1000 for the best Ph.D. thesis, completed in the four Montreal universities. Nominations must be received from a faculty member, with a copy of the thesis, by 31 May of each year; decisions will be announced in September 1987 for M.A. theses completed between 31 May 1986 and 31 May 1987; for Ph.D. theses accepted between 31 May 1985 and 31 May 1987.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Bettina Bradbury (Ph.D., 1984), Assistant Professor of History at Université de Montréal, read a paper entitled 'The Writing of the History of Women and Working Class History' at the C.H.A. meeting in June. Michael Sibalis (Ph.D. 1979) presented 'The Parisian Labour Movement During the French Revolution' at the same meeting, and will join the faculty of Brock University this autumn. Michael Piva (Ph.D., 1975), also read a paper at the CHA conference ('Financing the Union, the Impact of the Failure of Thomas Wilson & Co. on the Union of the Canadas') and continues as Associate Professor at University of Ottawa. Jennifer Jones (MA, 1983) passed her PhD comps at York University in the spring and began archival work in England on the Northern Army in the English Civil War over the summer. Warren Wilson (MA, 1978) taught a summer course at Concordia. Finally, we congratulate Dr. Constantin Vracas who joined the ranks of our Ph.D. alumni in June. His thesis was entitled 'Eurocommunism and the Pre-Marxist Classics.'